

1 Amendment "A"

2 In the claims:

3 Please amend the claims as follows:

4 Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of providing software to a user for  
5 subsequent use by a particular user device, comprising:

6 providing a user interface configured to allow the user to identify the particular  
7 user device;

8 locating the user interface in a retail sales location where the particular user  
9 device is ~~provided~~ offered for sale to the user;

10 identifying the particular user device via the user interface;

11 accessing software specific to the particular user device;

12 storing the software on a computer readable medium; and

13 making the computer readable medium available to the user.

14 Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein:

15 the particular user device is one of a plurality of different distinct user devices;

16 the user interface comprises a display device; and

17 further comprising displaying to the user via the display device a menu of the  
18 plurality of different distinct user devices from which to select the particular user  
19 device.

20 Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2, and further comprising, prior to displaying  
21 to the user the menu of different distinct user devices, displaying to the user via the  
22 display device a menu of a plurality of manufacturers of user devices from which to  
23 choose the manufacturer of the particular user device.

24 Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the accessing of the software  
25 is performed automatically in response to identifying the particular device.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the storing of the software on  
the computer readable medium is performed automatically in response to the  
accessing of the software.

1 Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, and further comprising, prior to accessing  
2 the software, connecting to a global computer network in order to access the  
3 software.

4 Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 6, and wherein:

5 the software for the particular user device is one of a plurality of available  
6 softwares, each of the available softwares being associated with a distinct access  
7 address on the global computer network;

8 the step of connecting to the global computer network comprises making a  
9 connection to the distinct access address associated with the software specific to the  
10 particular user device; and

11 the connection to the distinct access address is made in response to  
12 identifying the particular user device.

13 Claim 8 (cancelled.)

14 Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 1, and wherein the step of storing the  
15 software on a computer readable medium is performed by electronically transmitting  
16 an electronic copy of the software to a readable-writeable memory device contained  
17 within a user provided device.

18 Claim 10 (original). An apparatus for providing software to a user for use by a  
19 particular user device, comprising:

20 a user interface configured to allow a user to select the particular user device  
21 from a plurality of user devices and to generate a user input signal in response  
22 thereto;

23 a communication device configured to connect to a computer network;

24 a computer readable medium writing device; and

25 a processor configured to receive the user input signal, to use the user input  
signal to retrieve software specific to the particular user device, and to store the  
software on a computer readable medium using the computer readable medium  
writing device.

1 Claim 11 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the processor is  
2 configured to retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication  
3 device.

4 Claim 12 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a computer  
5 readable-writable memory device, and wherein the processor is further configured to  
6 retrieve the software from the computer network via the communication device and  
7 to store the software on the computer readable-writable memory device prior to  
8 storing the software on the computer readable medium.

9 Claim 13 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the user interface is a  
10 touch sensitive display screen and the plurality of user devices is identified to the  
11 user via the display screen.

12 Claim 14 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the computer readable  
13 medium writing device is configured to record computer readable data to a particular  
14 type of computer readable medium, to receive a plurality of the particular type of  
15 computer readable medium capable of having computer readable data recorded  
16 thereon, and to automatically record computer readable data to one of the plurality of  
17 the particular type of computer readable medium.

18 Claim 15 (original). The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the computer readable  
19 medium type is a compact disk.

20 Claim 16 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the communication  
21 network is a global communication network characterized by a plurality of web  
22 addresses, and the software is associated with a specific web address, and the  
23 processor is configured to cause the communication device to connect to the specific  
24 web address based on the user input signal.

1 Claim 17 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further wherein the user  
2 interface comprises a display device, and the processor is configured to display to  
3 the user via the display device a plurality of user devices from which the user can  
4 select the particular user device for which the software is to be provided.

5 Claim 18 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising a  
6 communication port configured to transmit electronic data to a user-provided device  
7 comprising a readable-writeable memory device, and wherein the processor is  
8 further configured to store the software on the readable-writeable memory device.

9 Claim 19 (currently amended). A computer network system for providing software to  
10 users of a plurality of user devices, comprising:

11 a user station comprising a first processor, a user interface in signal  
12 communication with the first processor, a first communication device in signal  
13 communication with the first processor, a first computer readable memory device in  
14 signal communication with the first processor, and a computer readable medium  
15 writing device in signal communication with the first processor, the user station  
located in a retail store which offers the user devices for sale;

16 a first server capable of being in signal communication with the first  
17 communication device;

18 a software server comprising a second processor, a second communication  
19 device in signal communication with the second processor, and a second computer  
20 readable memory device in signal communication with the second processor, the  
21 second computer readable memory device containing software specific to at least  
22 some of the plurality of user devices;

23 a communications network configured to connect the first server and the  
24 software server in signal communication; and

25 wherein, the first memory device contains a series of computer executable  
steps configured to be executed by the first processor to offer users, via the user  
interface, a menu of the plurality of user devices, and, at least partially in response to  
receiving a signal from the user interface corresponding to selection of a particular  
user device, to cause the first server to connect to the software server and to retrieve  
from the second memory device an electronic copy of the software specific to the

1 particular user device, and further to cause the computer readable medium writing  
2 device to record the software on a computer readable medium.

3 Claim 20 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and further  
4 comprising a plurality of users stations, each said user station having an associated  
5 first server, and wherein the communications network is configured to connect the  
6 plurality of first servers and the software server in signal communication.

7 Claim 21 (original). The computer network system of claim further comprising a  
8 plurality of software servers, and wherein the series of computer executable steps is  
9 further configured to cause the first server to connect to one of the software servers  
10 in response to the first processor receiving a signal from the user interface  
11 corresponding to selection of a particular user device.

12 Claim 22 (original). The computer network system of claim 19, and wherein the first  
13 memory device contains address locations of software stored on the second memory  
14 device, and wherein the processor is configured to use the memory addresses to  
15 communicate to the software server the software to transmit to the first server the  
16 software specific to the particular device.

17 Claim 23 (cancelled.)  
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19 Claim 24 (new). The method of claim 1 wherein the computer readable medium is  
20 optically readable-writeable media.

21 Claim 25 (new). The method of claim 19 wherein the computer readable medium is  
22 optically readable-writeable media.

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24 (End of Amendment "A".)  
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